IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action malled August 25, 2006, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following alleged species:

Species II: Figure 1;
Species III: Figure 4;
Species III: Figure 5; and
Species IV: Figures 8-12.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the species shown in FIGS. 8-12. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8-14 are readable on the elected species. At least claim 8 is generic.

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Respectfully submitted.

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